

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 12-15 and 21 are allowed. As discussed below, Applicants have amended Claims 16-18 and have added new Claim 22, all of which amendments are fully supported in the specification as discussed below.

Applicants suggest that the claims be printed in the following order: 12-16, 17, 22, 18, and 21.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b), first paragraph, as not being enabling for microorganisms generally. Applicants respectfully traverse.

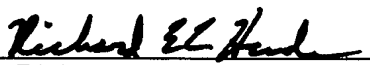
With respect to Claims 16 and 18, Applicants submit that the phrase "for controlling unwanted microorganisms" in each claim is merely a statement of purpose having no limiting effect on the compositions that are claimed (which are nothing more than mixtures of the compounds of allowed Claim 12 with extenders and/or surfactants). However, for consistency with the amendments discussed below, Applicants have amended Claims 16 and 18 to recite a more focused stated purpose (also having no limiting effect on the scope of the claim).

With respect to Claim 17, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the extensive list of organisms listed in the Office Action at pages 2-3 satisfy the enablement requirement of Section 112. In view of the variety of microorganisms that are enabled, Applicants respectfully submit that restricting the scope of microorganisms to fungi and bacteria that infect crops and materials provides a sufficiently focused genus to satisfy the enable requirement and have accordingly amended Claim 17. In addition, Applicants have added new Claim 22 to limit further the microorganisms to those identified in the specification at pages 7-8 and 11 and in the Office Action at pages 2-3.

In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that enablement rejection is traversed.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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